



## Marvin Anthony Esplana

July 5, 1973 - May 15, 2025

Marvin Anthony Esplana of Visalia, CA, beloved husband, father, son, brother, uncle, and friend, passed away on May 15, 2025 at the age of 51. Marvin was born in Los Angeles, California on July 5, 1973 to Magalinde Rodriguez and Roger Esplana. Marvin graduated from Saint Genevieve Catholic High School in June 1991. During 1992-1995, Marvin joined the Police Cadet Program Post 888 located in Sacramento, CA. Marvin was an exceptional man with remarkable achievements throughout his life.

Marvin has been with UPS for over 32 years. He originally started his career as a Teamster in Local 150 out of West Sacramento, CA in 1992. He began in the part time ranks and eventually promoted to full time package driver, then into the Feeder department as a Class A driver of the big brown trucks. In October 2016, Marvin transferred from West Sacramento to Lathrop, CA as a new member Teamster Local 439 and still a UPS feeder driver where he was also a shop steward. When a new UPS building opened in Visalia, Marvin took the next step in his career. Marvin bid a position which would move him and his family to Visalia, CA in late 2020. He would continue his career with UPSer as a feeder driver. Almost immediately, Marvin took an active role in Teamsters Local 948, which led him to become a shop steward. He continuously strived to uphold the contract to make the Union and UPS a better place for all. Marvin was a devoted Teamster and shop steward for Local 948 and UPS driver.

Staff Sergeant Marvin Esplana served the United States Marine Corps. He graduated boot camp from the Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) San Diego, CA, Platoon 2069 in April 1997. Marvin served on 3 military tours during his 11 years with the U.S. Marines. The life of a U.S. Marine is one defined by purpose, dedication, and a deep sense of belonging. It is a demanding path, physically and mentally, but one that many find incredibly fulfilling. Marvin epitomized that earning the title of "Marine" is a transformative experience, representing a commitment to a life of service and self-sacrifice. He loved being a Marine. Staff Sergeant Esplana was beloved by his fellow Marines and highly respected among his peers. Marvin will forever be remembered for his devotion and commitment. He was true to the U.S. Marine Corps motto, "Semper Fidelis" meaning "Always Faithful."

After retiring from the Marines, Marvin maintained his veteran connection by joining the Marine Corps League Detachment #1238 in Elk Grove, CA in 2018 and then, American Legion Sierra Post #785 in Visalia, CA in May 2023. He was a proud Marine, "Once a Marine always a Marine."

When Marvin and family settled in Visalia, he became very involved in the Catholic Community. He loved to volunteer his time to help others. In September 2022, Marvin joined the Knights of Columbus in Good Shepherd Catholic Parish and also, he joined the budget committee and the fundraising committee. He helped barbecue for multiple parish events, a regular volunteer for the firework booth, and a key connection for events happening at George McCann Memorial School. In October 2022, Marvin started to help at the Bethlehem Cafe on Sundays and he is a founding member of the establishment. He would always volunteer at the Bethlehem Cafe every Sunday with his daughters.

Marvin was devoted to Catholic education and a tireless volunteer at George

McCann Memorial. He was always very generous with his time and had unwavering support for the school. Marvin was an active member of the Home and School Association (HSA) Board at George McCann serving as Treasurer for 2 years (2023-2025). He volunteered in many capacities at the school always with a smile on his face and a humble and cheerful attitude. He never said no when asked to help and often asked what more he could do.

Marvin was a dedicated volunteer at San Joaquin Memorial (SJM) High School, in Fresno, CA, a private Catholic high school that his eldest daughter, Mackenzie, attends. He would help with the concession stand serving delicious snow cones during Friday night high football games. Marvin was always happy to serve.

Marvin was an avid sports fan of the Los Angeles Dodgers, Dallas Cowboys, and the Sacramento Kings, as he was a season ticket holder for many years. He enjoyed watching WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment) and Star Wars. He loved Star Wars so much that he influenced his daughters to love anything Star Wars. Marvin loved going to Disneyland in Anaheim, CA with his family. He was full of life with his infectious laughter and always knew how to make you feel good if you had a bad day. Marvin had a funny personality as he loved to joke around anytime he could. Marvin loved his family very much and especially, enjoyed spending time with his wife and 5 daughters.

Marvin was preceded in death by his father, Roger Esplana, in May 2005. Marvin is survived by his wife of 25 years, Melody P. Esplana, his five daughters, Mackenzie Esplana, Mackayla Esplana, Mackenna Esplana, Mackinley Esplana, Mackendra Esplana, and his family dogs, Mal and Mace. His mother Magalinde Rodriguez, his step-mother Felisa Esplana and his sister Cynthia Esplana. Marvin was loved by many and will be deeply missed by all.

Visitation will be held 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Thursday, June 26th, 2025 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Rosary will be held 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Thursday, June 26th, 2025 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Catholic Funeral Mass will be held 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Friday, June 27th, 2025 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 5049 W. Caldwell Ave

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 26. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel  
127 E. Caldwell Ave.  
Visalia, CA 93277

## Rosary

JUN 26. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel  
127 E. Caldwell Ave.  
Visalia, CA 93277

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
5049 W. Caldwell Ave.  
Visalia, CA 93277  
(559) 734-9522  
<http://tccov.org/st-charles-borromeo/>

# Tribute Wall

FF

“ *Falcone Family lit a candle in memory of Marvin Esplana*



Falcone Family - September 25, 2025 at 11:50 AM

LG

“ *Lucy Gonzalez lit a candle in memory of Marvin Esplana*



Lucy Gonzalez - June 28, 2025 at 02:27 AM

JV

“ *Dear Baby, I'm so sorry to hear the passing of Marvin. I'll always remember his kindness, respect and humor. Prayers for you and family in this time of your loss. May the soul of Marvin rest in peace*  
🙏 Amen 🙏

Julie Villasana - June 27, 2025 at 09:41 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marvin Anthony Esplana.*



June 20, 2025 at 07:20 PM

VF

“ Velasquez Hansen family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marvin Anthony Esplana.

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**Velasquez Hansen family** - June 12, 2025 at 09:13 PM

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“ Velasquez Hansen family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marvin Anthony Esplana.



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